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[X] ATTN: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Sir,
Transmitted herewith for filing is the **[X]** Utility **[]** Design patent application of:

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For: **ENERGY CONSUMPTION EFFICIENCY IMPROVING AGENT AND METHOD, AND**
ARTICLE HAVING IMPROVED ENERGY CONSUMPTION EFFICIENCY

Enclosed are:

[X] 6 sheets of drawings (**[X]** formal **[]** informal size A4).
[X] 47 pages of specification, including claims and abstract.
[X] 53 total pages

[] Combined Declaration/Power of Attorney

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[] Copy from prior application

[] Inventors deleted; see attached statement

[] Incorporation By Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying
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☐ Assignment to _____.

☐ Assignment is of record in prior application Serial No. _____.

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☐ Small Entity Status is asserted.

☐ Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following provisional application(s) under the provisions of 35 USC 119.

☒ Applicant hereby claims the benefit of the filing date of the following applications under the provisions of 35 USC 119 of which certified copies ☒ will follow ☐ are enclosed ☐ have been filed in the International Bureau ☐ were filed in prior application No. _____.

1) **Japan Patent Application No. 2000-298111, filed September 29, 2000; and**

2) **Japan Patent Application No. 2000-357474, filed November 24, 2000.**

☐ This is a ☐ continuation ☐ divisional ☐ continuation-in-part of prior application Serial No. _____.

☐ Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a ☐ continuation, ☐ division, ☐ continuation-in-part, of application